

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 AMMAN 03817 201400Z

45

ACTION HEW-06

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 INR-07 IO-13 MED-02 NSAE-00

PA-01 DHA-02 SCA-01 OES-06 USIA-06 PRS-01 CIAE-00

AID-05 FDRE-00 DODE-00 /061 W
----- 075560

P R 201332Z JUL 76

FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8585

INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 3817

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: SWEL SY JO

SUBJECT: TALK WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH--CHOLERA IN SYRIA

1. WHEN AMBASSADOR PAID COURTESY CALL ON NEW JORDANIAN MINISTER OF HEALTH DR MUHAMMAD AL BASHIR, LATTER VOLUNTEERED CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION ABOUT CHOLERA IN SYRIA. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN 147 CASES WITH 11 DEATHS. THE DEATH RATE FOR THE FIRST 22 CASES HAD BEEN NEARLY FIFTY PERCENT BE CAUSE OF DIAGNOSTIC DIFFICULTIES AND REMOTE LOCATIONS OF INITIAL OUTBREAK. SYRIANS HAD DISCOVERED ONE CASE IN DAMASCUS IN THE YARMOUK REFUGEE CAMP. JORDAN HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE WHO (NOT BY SYRIA) ABOUT SYRIAN EPIDEMIC. JORDAN HAD THEN SENT A MEDICAL DELEGATION TO SYRIA TO DISCOVER FOR ITSELF WHAT WS HAPPENING.

2.SYRIAN MINISTER OF HEALTH WAS A MEDICAL SCHOOL PROFESSOR OF NEW JORDANIAN MINISTER OF HEALTH. SYRIANS CLAIM THEY HAD FULL CARE PROGRAM AND TREATMENT AND WERE NOT PLANNING MASS VACCINATION

3. JORDANIANS SAID EPIDEMIC BEGAN IN NORTHWEST SYRIA BUT MOVED RAPIDLY TO THE COAST AND TOWARD THE SOUTH. JORDANIANS CONSIDE THEMSELVES LUCKY THAT THEY HAVE HAD
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 AMMAN 03817 201400Z

NO CASES AND MINISTER IS HOLDING A MEETING TODAY TO

DETERMINE WHETHER A PROGRAM OF MASS VACCINATION IN
JORDAN IS WISE AND FEASIBLE.

4. MINISTER OF HEALTH SAID HE HAD ALSO RE
CEIVED REPORTS AS YET UNVERIFIED OF OUTBREAKS OF SEVERAL
DISEASES IN LEBANON AS A RESULT OF THE DISRUPTION FROM
FIGHTING. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY IN ADDITION TO
CHOLERA, TYPHOID AND THE PLAGUE.

5. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT FURTHER AS DESIRED.
PICKERING

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: EPIDEMICS, CHOLERA
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 20 JUL 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976AMMAN03817
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760278-1180
From: AMMAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760742/aaaabktx.tel
Line Count: 72
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION HEW
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <15 JUN 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <20 OCT 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TALK WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH--CHOLERA IN SYRIA
TAGS: SWEL, SY, JO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006